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SUBJ: CIEC RAW MATERIALS COMMISSION: INTRA-EC

DEBATE ON TACTICS.

REF: A. GENEVA 1577; B. BONN 3421

1. MUELLER-THUNS DISCUSSED GERMAN VIEWS ON COMMODITY  
POLICY ISSUES WITH EMBOFFS ON FEB. 27 AND CITED  
COMMISSION'S PROPOSED PAPER FOR GROUP B AS AN EXAMPLE  
OF WHAT HE CONSIDERED TO BE THE COMMISSION'S TENDENCY  
TO TAKE POSITIONS IN INTERNATIONAL FORA WHICH DID NOT  
REFLECT THE VIEWS OF MEMBER COUNTRIES. MUELLER-THUNS  
TOLD US THAT FRG ATTEMPTS TO MODIFY THE PARAGRAPH  
QUOTED IN PARA. 1 REF. A WERE REJECTED AT A PREVIOUS  
EC EXPERTS MEETING, AND THAT THE COMMISSION WAS ON  
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THAT DAY TABLING ITS PAPER AT A GROUP B MEETING IN

GENEVA AS THE COMMUNITY'S RECOMMENDED POSITION PAPER  
FOR GROUP B COUNTRIES.

2. JUDGING FROM REFTEL, MUELLER-THUNS' IMMEDIATE  
CONCERNS SEEM TO HAVE BEEN EXAGGERATED. EVEN SO,  
MFA DEPUTY ASST. SEC. DITTMANN DESCRIBED EC POLICY  
DIFFERENCES AS ACUTE WHEN DISCUSSING THEM WITH ECON/  
COMM. MINISTER ON MARCH 3. DITTMANN WAS, HOWEVER,  
SOMEWHAT MORE SANGUINE THAN MUELLER-THUNS ABOUT THE  
PROSPECTS FOR EC COORDINATION ON COMMODITY POLICY.  
HE THOUGHT THAT THE MINISTERS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY,  
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PRONK, WERE REASONABLE MEN  
PREPARED TO WORK OUT THESE DIFFERENCES OF VIEW, AND  
MOREOVER, THAT THESE DIFFERENCES WERE MORE OFTEN  
QUESTIONS OF PHRASEOLOGY THAN REAL, SUBSTANTIVE  
DIFFERENCES, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE SELF-INTEREST OF THE  
PARTIES BECAME INVOLVED.  
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